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SHUANCCHENGTZU COMPLEX B

25X1

LAUNCH COMPLEX B, THE LARGEST LAUNCH COMPLEX AT THE SHUANGCHENGTZU MISSILE TEST CENTER, HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION SINCE 1965. THE LARGE SIZE OF THIS FACILITY INDICATES THAT IT COULD BE CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING FLIGHT TEST PROGRAMS FOR ICBM AND/OR SPACE-RELATED VEHICLES.

LOCATED AT THE SITE OF AN UNCOMPLETED LAUNCH FACILITY, THE AREA REMAINED INACTIVE FROM 1961 UNTIL AUGUST 1965 WHEN CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON PAD B-1. THE PAD APPEARED COMPLETE IN DECEMBER 1966 BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT IT WAS EVER USED. MODIFICATION OF THE PAD BEGAN IN JANUARY 1968, AND INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 120-FOOT-HIGH SERVICE TOWER ADJOINING THE LAUNCH POINT.

PAD B-2, LARGER THAN B-1, HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION SINCE JULY 1967.

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